



Welcome to the Clark County Community Development e-News. We send this publication out once a month to announce the latest in what's happening. We will attempt to cover a broad range of topics that we hope will be of interest to you. We need your input! We welcome your comments about our news bulletin; and if you have topics you would like us to cover and we haven't, we'll do our best to accommodate you!*

Planning commission will consider draft home occupation ordinance

The county's draft home occupation ordinance is scheduled to go to a public hearing before the Planning Commission on August 21. The 6:30 p.m. hearing will be held at the Clark Public Utilities' Community Room, 8600 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver. To read the rest of the article, [click here](#).*

Community Development "SOOP" awards recognize exceptional employees

The Clark County Community Development Department awarded its third "SOOP" awards, recognizing three employees for exceptional Service-Oriented, Open and Professional performance.

Melissa Tracy is one of the most customer service oriented staff in our Department. She is on time (usually ½ hour early) and at work. Her understanding of the work done in Development Services, Engineering Services, and Customer Service make her well suited to educating customers both internally and externally. She understands that to the customer every project is important and

consistently works around the customers' constraints while she goes the extra mile. She is friendly, helpful and well mannered. She knows how to set priorities in order to meet her commitments. She understands making deposits in the good will bank and is good at keeping customers updated on the status of their projects. She is solution oriented and often suggests new ways of doing things. She takes responsibility for attending to the customers' needs and makes sure they get to the right people and the right information. She is good at ferreting out what it is the customers

really want. She is compassionate, respectful and understanding. One of her strengths is the ability to anticipate situations and take steps to prepare for them before they happen. Her technical skills are outstanding which allow her to multi-task and make contributions far beyond those normally associated with her classification. Melissa is an incredible asset to the organization.

The Open award **Richard Daviau**. Being open is about listening; It is about understanding;

It is about accepting self-criticism; It is about fostering openness in others; It is about change and seeing new possibilities; It is about bringing yourself and others around you to a new level of understanding and insight; It is about respecting the view of others; It is about curiosity and persistence; It is about seeking the truth; and, It is about faith in the

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value of collective knowledge.

This award goes to a person that is all about being open. This person has a style and strength of character that allows openness to be a natural part of their life. This person brings this openness to every project they work on, to every meeting they attend, and to every interaction they have with a fellow employee, applicant or citizen.

Derek Chisholm is a consummate professional. He is an information sponge always looking to increase his knowledge and technical proficiency. He is extremely versatile. He has been responsible for the Historic Preservation Program for the last few years, probably ensuring its survival in the midst of budget cutbacks by doing more with less. He is our primary transportation modeler. He administers the Transportation Commute Trip Reduction program and has been the project manager for the comprehensive plan review EIS/CFP.

While not the sole author of the wide range of inputs into the comprehensive plan, as manager, Derek has been the hub around which a variety of staff and members of the consultant team has revolved. He has quality-controlled technical material, balanced professional perspectives and kept everyone going in the same direction, ensuring that we hit the deadlines for deliverables. He has outstanding oral presentation skills and an ability to educate lay people about technical material. In his own words

Derek is always willing to pitch in and help others, and always accessible to the public. He is open to new ideas and willingly listens to and

understands suggested approaches to issues. He brings fresh thinking to the table to solve problems. He helps Community Development “walk the talk.”

Derek’s participation in the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification process for the new Public Services Center demonstrates his ability to champion a concept in which he believes strongly without being overbearing or unwilling to accept decisions that are not entirely to his liking. Derek has exposed staff to a wider range of topics and information through his assistance in the development of the Community Development University program.

In short, Derek produces large volumes of quality work. He does so in a cooperative, responsive, friendly, well-reasoned way, without losing perspective on the community goals we are all trying to accomplish. For this reason, we believe that Derek is a deserving recipient of the professional award.*

New Faces

Ray Smith has been hired as a Lead Community Development Specialist in the Customer Service Division. He is a lead worker providing information and working on permits with a focus on the engineering function. Ray was a designer in the telecommunications industry for 18 years and an engineering tech with the City of Redding CA for two years at the permit center. He also has an Associate of Arts in drafting technology. So far Ray has noticed that co-workers are well versed in their jobs and are easily accessible. Outside of work, Ray likes to bike ride, walk and do yardwork.



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Divisions

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- Building Division
- Code Enforcement
- Permit Center
- Development Services
- Engineering Services
- Fire Marshal’s Office
- Long Range Planning

John Greenheck is the new Structural Engineer in the Building Division where he will be reviewing commercial plans for structural compliance. John graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Civil Engineering with a focus on Structural Engineering. He has worked for consulting companies doing structural design. When he is not working, John enjoys surfing, traveling, snow boarding, mountaineering, fly fishing, speaking German, mountain biking, golfing, playing La Crosse and Squash.

Paul Knox has been hired as the new Engineer II in Engineering Services. He is reviewing land use plans and stormwater plans. Paul is a PSU graduate in Civil Engineering and worked at OTAK, a private consulting firm where he did water resources design engineering. He has a total of 10 years experience in land use development and environmental engineering. Paul says that he is impressed with the way some employees can communicate bad news to clients in a positive manner. He also mentioned how different it is being on this side of the table versus the private sector. Outside of the office, Paul enjoys hiking and mountain climbing with his family, bird watching and reading.

Debby Jackman has been hired as an OAIL in Development Services. She will be job sharing with Jennifer Giles as the DS receptionist. Debby may be a familiar face to many of you since she has over 20 years experience in local government with the Auditor's office, CRESA, City of Vancouver Public Works and Washington Dept. of

Transportation. She spent the last eight years as a real estate agent. She is enjoying the versatility of her new position, especially greeting and assisting the public. Outside of work, Debby likes snowmobiling, golf, tennis, horseback riding and walking.

Colette Anderson is a new Planner II in Long Range Planning. Colette has a degree in Business Administration with a major in transportation. She has worked in every form of transportation: 11 years with C-Tran, one year with WSDOT, and with various companies doing import/export logistics. Colette says that everyone she has met here has been really friendly. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, especially herbs, and has her own greenhouse. *

Promotions and Certifications

Promoted: **Wendy Baird** to Lead CD Specialist in Customer Service; **Debi Miller** to CD Specialist; **Melissa Curtis** to CD Specialist; **Melissa Tracy** to OAIL in Engineering Services; **Curtis Eavenson** to Deputy Fire Marshal; **Chuck Clark** to Combination I Building Inspector.

Paul Sybor received his Building Inspector's certificate and **Chuck Clark** received his Plumbing Inspector certificate. **Curtis Eavenson**, **Vern Perry**, and **Teresa Guise** passed their Uniform Building Code Plans Examiner test. **Susie Davidson** received her certification in Basic Code Enforcement. **Mike Schelling** passed his Building Certification exam on June 21.*

What's On TV Tonight?

There is a lot on CVTV (channel 23) about Community Development. For example, you can watch the animal control, land use, and code enforcement hearings, as well as the county Planning Commission. To see the complete schedule click here: www.cvtv.org *

Expanding our audience

Do you know others who would benefit from this information? Any list serves that would be appropriate for us to post this on? On the other hand, if you would like to be taken off our e-mailing list, just let us know. Contact Désirée at desiree.demoneye@clark.wa.gov.*

ComDev in the News

- "County growth rate slows." - The Oregonian (7-1-03)
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- "Environmental group drops challenge to Costco." - The Columbian
<http://www.columbian.com/07012003/business/51089.html>
- "Clark County continues to show growth." - The Columbian (7-1-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07012003/front_pa/51056.html
- "Residents of two minds on county growth." - The Columbian (7-1-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07012003/clark_co/51107.html
- "Commission split on growth" - The Oregonian (7-2-03)
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- "Jobs become priority for county growth map" - The Columbian (7-2-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07022003/clark_co/51360.html
- "County's 20-year growth plan draws fire." - The Oregonian (7-4-03)
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- "Jobs vital in growth plan." - The Columbian (7-6-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07062003/clark_co/52298.html
- "Time to face The Music: The controversial Clark County amphitheater, the largest outdoor venue in the metro area, opens Thursday." - The Columbian (7-6-03)
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- The Amphitheater At Clark County - Opening night noise is a breeze for closest neighbor
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- "The Amphitheater at Clark County: Noteworthy night." - The Columbian (7-11-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07112003/front_pa/53878.html
- "Growth map favors business development." - The Columbian (7-14-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07142003/clark_co/54522.html
- "Amphitheater garners mixed reviews." - The Oregonian (7-14-03)
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- "Legacy may recoup part of cost of street." - The Oregonian (7-14-03)
http://www.oregonlive.com/metronorth/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/metro_north_news/1058183951299530.xml
- "Home sales shoot up in Clark County," - The Oregonian (7-15-03)
http://www.oregonlive.com/metronorth/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/metro_north_news/1058270346247840.xml
- "June home sales top 1,000 mark." - The Columbian (7-16-03)
<http://www.columbian.com/07162003/business/55468.html>

New Permit Center hours: Beginning August 6, 2003, the Clark County Community Development, Customer Service Division (Permit Center), will be closed on Wednesdays from 8 to 10 a.m.

Our new hours of operation will provide time for staff meetings and for training and development. This change allows our staff to become better educated about how to effectively meet our customers' needs. Conducting these activities during normal business hours will allow the department to save approximately \$27,000 in overtime costs annually.

Due to lunch schedules, there are fewer people available to provide service between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The permit center is still open to serve you, however, your wait may be longer during this period.*

- “Legacy wants other developers to help pay for building avenue.” - The Columbian (7-17-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07172003/clark_co/55395.html
- “Four counties impose ban on outdoor burning.” - The Oregonian (7-17-03)
http://www.oregonlive.com/metronorth/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/metro_north_news/1058443303109010.xml
- “Expert pans Clark County’s growth planning.” - The Columbian (7-18-03)
<http://www.columbian.com/07182003/business/56044.html>
- “Plan to reimburse Legacy for work on road hits snag.” - The Columbian (7-23-03)
<http://www.columbian.com/07232003/business/57508.html>
- “Hidden in plain sight: Special bricks have special place in the heart of Clark County.” - The Columbian (7-24-03)
<http://www.columbian.com/07242003/inspirat/57281.html>
- “Farming for answers: ‘Resource land’ decision worries landowners.” - The Columbian (7-27-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07272003/front_pa/58221.html
- “Farming for answers: Alan Schumacher worries he could be the last of four generations to farm land in Heisson.” - The Columbian (7-27-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07272003/world_na/58236.html
- “Farming for answers: County’s farms disappear as the population bulges.” - The Columbian (7-27-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07272003/world_na/58229.html
- “Farming for answers: Residential zone more flexible, some planners say.” - The Columbian (7-27-03)
http://www.columbian.com/07272003/world_na/58226.html
- “Police Report: Abandoned cats, dogs found at house.” - The Columbian (7-27-03)
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- “Losing an edge.” - The Columbian (7-27-03)
<http://www.columbian.com/07272003/business/58295.html>
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